

gagaku

I have not written
rather I
have not sent poems
to publishers
for a year

but I have written

much

I have read too
conrad mencken james
mann havelock ellis
the wormwood poets too

also rather also usually the morning
paper

I value reading as much as
poem writing
or playing a
conga drum
or quinto or tumba
drum

or oil painting or drawing
or putting together
a poetry magazine
or prose
prose I like too

I like it all I
am almost a happy man

and there is the
fig tree out front
I look see at it
and feel it is
not time to move

such it has been for 20 years
in this place

here the grass is still
greener

when
I want
time to fly
I paint

I read my own
work
and say this guy is
in love
with writing

he would be
better
off if he was
in love with
a woman

once when
I was in love
with woman
I strode up and
down the
beach
hyper-
ventilating

I could not breathe
I did not
know
what was the
matter

I was 23
now I am 38
I never
felt

better